

Press Note

Drugs Control Administration of Telangana raided Vayu Clinic in Secunderabad, which is operated by a **quack falsely claiming to be an MBBS doctor**, and seized drugs worth Rs. 1.60 lakhs stocked for sale at the clinic.

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Drugs Control Administration, Telangana also lodged a complaint at the Tukaramgate Police Station regarding the fraudulent practice of claiming to be an MBBS doctor and cheating the public.

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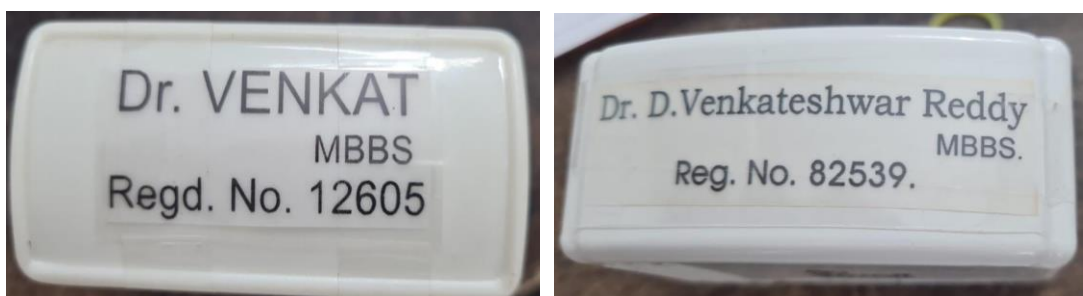
The details are as follows:

On 2nd and 3rd May, 2024, acting on credible information, officials from the Drugs Control Administration raided Vayu Clinic located at 10-5-786/2, Sai Nagar, North Lalaguda, Tukaramgate, Secunderabad, Hyderabad District. The clinic was being operated by a quack, Pullagurla Venkateshwar Reddy, who falsely claimed to be an MBBS doctor. He was practicing medicine without proper qualifications, thereby deceiving the public.

Pullagurla Venkateshwar Reddy falsely presented himself as an MBBS doctor on the clinic board. During the raid, officials found doctor stamps bearing fake registration numbers and fake prescription books at the clinic.



[Stamps bearing fake registration numbers](#)



During the raid, officials from the Drugs Control Administration found large quantities of medicines stocked at the premises without any drug license. Among the seized items were 44 varieties of medicines, including antibiotics, steroids, analgesics, anti-ulcer drugs, and more. Notably, medicines intended for Indian Railways Supply were also found at the clinic. DCA officials seized the entire stock, worth **Rs. 1.60 lakhs**, during the operation.

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DCA officials detected several higher-generation '**antibiotic injections**' at the clinic during the raid. The indiscriminate sale of antibiotics by unqualified individuals could have disastrous consequences for public health, potentially leading to the emergence of '**Antimicrobial Resistance**'.

Officials also found '**steroids**' at the clinic operated by the quack. Misusing steroids can have serious health consequences, including immune system suppression, hormonal imbalances, muscle and bone weakness, cardiovascular problems, and psychological effects. The indiscriminate use of steroids poses significant risks to public health.

Sri. B. Govind Singh, Drugs Inspector, Secunderabad and Sri. G. Anil, Drugs Inspector, Malakpet carried out the raid.

DCA officers lifted the samples for analysis. Further investigation will be carried out, and action will be taken as per the law against all the offenders.

Wholesalers/Dealers who supply medicines to such unqualified persons, who are stocking and selling drugs without a drug license, are also punishable under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, and stringent action shall be taken against such Wholesalers/Dealers. Wholesalers/Dealers shall mandatorily ensure that

the recipient entities hold a valid drug license before supplying medicines to them.

The Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, issues drug licenses for the stocking and selling of medicines in accordance with the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act. **Stocking drugs for sale without a drug license is punishable under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, with imprisonment for up to five years.**

Surprise checks are intensified on such unqualified persons who are engaged in stocking and selling drugs without any drug license. Stringent action will be taken as per the law against violators.

The public may report any complaints regarding illegal activities concerning medicines through the **Drugs Control Administration, Telangana Toll-Free Number 1800-599-6969**, which is operational from 10:30 am to 5:00 pm on all working days.

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